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SENATOR GEORGE: I would still agree with Senator Labeledz that we should try to work to at least some degree on General File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the Chair. I think that we have had adequate debate on the major issue since we pulled out the ones that the committee chairmen have selected as the highest of priorities. Secondly, if we do not go to Select File and address those issues, it is quite possible that we will have the same problem at that point with issues that have at least had one successful vote as far as those issues are concerned. More importantly it seems to me that if we move to Select File now perhaps we will be able to have more deliberate debate rather than turning our consent calendar mechanism into the mechanism with which we handle bills of major importance and considerable disagreement. I would support the Chair because I think it would return to a more deliberative process and secondly it will allow us to address issues which have advanced in the process but which are in need of attention of amendment and greater analysis by the body. I intend to vote against the motion to override the Chair.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, I, too, would move to support your position and I think that it has a double value. It has a value for this body to know that if we persist in refusing to accept the decision of this body once it is made and go to reconsideration after reconsideration after reconsideration that we will not accomplish the work that we have set for ourselves. Secondly, it will have the value to the lobbyists who are stampeding, bemoaning the fact that some of their pet projects will not be handled, that when they come to us with too much work, when they come to us to defeat through these extended processes these things that we are to have under consideration that they too have a lesson to learn from this. I think the Chair is correct in his position and I support him.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would just like to point out before we enthusiastically abandon Senator Labeledz that all is not going to be pure and holy on Select File and it is not going to be all friendship and charisma. I have had from the Ag Committee two non-controversial bills along with a dozen more that have rested within just a few bills of being heard by this body for the